

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Sadao MIZUNO et al. :
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Filed October 29, 2003 : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1572

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**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly
amend the application as follows:**